



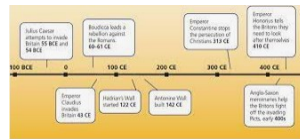
# Settle Down

## What was life like for an Anglo-Saxon child?



### 1. Who were the Anglo Saxons and where did they come from?

The Anglo-Saxon period in Britain spans approximately the six centuries from 410-1066AD.



The Anglo-Saxons were migrants from **Northern Europe** who settled in England in the fifth and sixth centuries.

DATE	EVENT
410 AD	The Romans leave Britain.
450 AD	Britain is divided

### Applying Past Knowledge

This learning links with the previous learning in Year 3 on The Romans

### 2. What was life like for an Anglo-Saxon child?

Anglo-Saxon children had to grow up very quickly. By the time they were ten, they were seen as an adult. They had to work as hard as any adult and would be punished as adults if they stole or broke the law. Boys learned the skills of their fathers. As Historians, we will write questions linked to our overarching enquiry question that we want to investigate.



### 3/4/5: What was life like for an Anglo-Saxon child? continued...

As Historians, we will answer the questions we created in lesson 2.

Anglo-Saxons lived in settlements. The Anglo-Saxons created many settlements. These were small villages, often built by clearing trees from land near a water source like a river. They preferred to live in this way rather than in the large towns and cities that the Romans had built.

Did Anglo-Saxon children go to school? Anglo-Saxon children were given jobs to do from a young age, such as helping to look after the animals. Some villagers farmed and others had specific skilled jobs like making jewellery, weaving clothes and metalworking.

Village life was not all hard work! Villagers would also play musical instruments and tell stories for entertainment.

Children played with toys like board games.

### Key Vocabulary

**Decade**- a period of 10 years

**Century**- a period of 100 years

**AD and BC**- AD is when Jesus died and BC is before Jesus was born.

**lifestyle** - the way of life for a group of people.

**art** - a way to express themselves.

**culture** - a way of life for a group of people.

**compare and contrast** - look at the similarities and differences.

**settle** - moving to a new country to live

**settlement** - where people live

**invade** - attacking another country

**Kingdoms** - the way the country was divided up

